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Idaho July Red Meat Production Down 16 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2010 totaled 17.0 million pounds, down 16 percent from July of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2010 period totaled 117.5 million pounds, down 13 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in July 2009. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.9 million pounds, 1 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75,100 head, down 6 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, down 7 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 8 percent from July 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,400 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago. January to July 2010 commercial red meat production was 27.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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